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Sustainable development: promotion of new and renewable sources of energy

Report of the Second Committee*

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I. Introduction

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on agenda item 19 (see A/66/440, para. 2). Action on sub-item (j) was taken at the 34th and 37th meetings, on 10 November and 1 December 2011. An account of the Committee's consideration of the sub-item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/66/SR.34 and 37).

II. Consideration of draft resolutions A/C.2/66/L.31 and A/C.2/66/L.66

2. At the 34th meeting, on 10 November, the representative of Argentina, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy" (A/C.2/66/L.31), which read:

> "*The General Assembly*,
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> "*Recalling* its resolutions 53/7 of 16 October 1998, 54/215 of 22 December 1999 and 55/205 of 20 December 2000, and recalling also its resolutions 56/200 of 21 December 2001, 58/210 of 23 December 2003, 60/199 of 22 December 2005, 62/197 of 19 December 2007, 64/206 of 21 December 2009 on the promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, and 65/151 of 20 December 2010 on the International Year of Sustainable Energy for All,

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"1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;

"2. *Notes* the ongoing preparatory process for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 4 to 6 June 2012;

"3. *Stresses* the importance of the continued substantive consideration of the issue of the promotion of new and renewable sources of energy;

"4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-seventh session a report on the promotion of new and renewable sources of energy;

"5. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-seventh session, under the item entitled 'Sustainable development', the sub-item entitled 'Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy'."

3. At its 37th meeting, on 1 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy" (A/C.2/66/L.66), submitted by the Rapporteur of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.31.

4. At the same meeting, the Committee was informed that draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.66 had no programme budget implications.

5. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.66 (see para. 8).

6. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.66, draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.31 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

7. Statements were made by the representatives of Switzerland and the United States of America (see A/C.2/66/SR.37).

III. Recommendation of the Second Committee

8. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 53/7 of 16 October 1998, 54/215 of 22 December 1999 and 55/205 of 20 December 2000, and recalling also its resolutions 56/200 of 21 December 2001, 58/210 of 23 December 2003, 60/199 of 22 December 2005, 62/197 of 19 December 2007 and 64/206 of 21 December 2009 on the promotion of new and renewable sources of energy and its resolution 65/151 of 20 December 2010 on the International Year of Sustainable Energy for All,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[1]

2. *Notes* the ongoing preparatory process of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012;

3. *Welcomes* the efforts by Governments and institutions that have embarked on policies and programmes that seek to expand the use of new and renewable sources of energy for sustainable development, and recognizes the contributions of regional initiatives, institutions and regional economic commissions in supporting the efforts of countries, in particular developing countries and countries with economies in transition, in this respect;

4. *Invites* Member States, as well as the United Nations system and all other relevant stakeholders, to use the opportunity offered by the International Year of Sustainable Energy for All to raise global awareness on the importance of new and renewable sources of energy and low-emission technologies, the more efficient use of energy, greater reliance on advanced energy technologies, including cleaner fossil fuel technologies, and the environment-friendly use of traditional energy resources, as well as the promotion of access to modern, reliable, affordable and sustainable energy services, and notes in this regard the initiative of the Secretary-General on Sustainable Energy for All;

5. *Notes with appreciation* regional and multilateral mechanisms and initiatives for energy cooperation and integration to encourage the use of new and renewable sources of energy, such as the PetroCaribe Alternative Energy Source Financing Fund, the Mesoamerican integration and development project, the Caribbean Renewable Energy Development Programme, the energy initiative of the New Partnership for Africa's Development, the Mediterranean Solar Plan, Energy+, the European Union Energy Initiative for Poverty Eradication and Sustainable Development, the Paris-Nairobi Climate Initiative on Clean Energy for All in Africa, the Africa-European Union Energy Partnership, the Baltic Sea Region Energy Cooperation, the International Partnership for Energy Efficiency Cooperation, the Energy and Climate Partnership of the Americas, the Global Bioenergy Partnership, the International Renewable Energy Agency, the Global Alliance for Clean

[1] A/66/306.

Cookstoves, the Clean Energy Ministerial and the Union of South American Nations strategy on energy;

6. *Stresses* the importance of the continued substantive consideration of the issue of the promotion of new and renewable sources of energy;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-seventh session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

8. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-seventh session, under the item entitled "Sustainable development", the sub-item entitled "Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy".